GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies Department – Administrative sanction for an amount of Rs.8,00,00,000/- towards printing and supply of QR code based Smart cards – Accorded - Orders – Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 56 Dated: 25-08-2025

Read the following :-

1. Minutes of the Meeting held by Hon'ble C.M dated 14.10.2024.
2. Govt., Memo No.FCS02-IT22022/49/2024-AD.IT-CCS, (Comp.No.2584986), Dated 29.04.2025.
3. From the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada E-file No. FCS02-IT22022/49/2024-AD.IT-CCS, (Comp.No.2584986), Dated 19.08.2025.

O R D E R

In the reference 1st read above, during the meeting held on 04-10-2024, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has reviewed the issues of the Civil Supplies Department and among others, approved the new ration cad design basing on the specifications communicated by GoI under NFSA Act and instructed to change all existing rice cards and issue new cards without any photos.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P. Vijayawada was permitted to call tenders from vendors for printing of QR Code based Smart card for all the rice cards through Managing Director, APTS and to finalize the card specifications and design in consultation with the NIC and APTS teams in view of the technical involvements in the design.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P. Vijayawada has informed that based on the approved scope, M/s APTS floated tenders on the APTSL e-Procurement platform. The Letter of Intent was issued to M/s Versatile Card Technology (P) Ltd for printing and supply of 1,46,21,223 QR Code–based Smart Cards at a total cost of ₹6,81,49,520.40 (unit rate ₹4.6610 inclusive of taxes).

4. As the printing of Rice Cards is a continuous process, with new cards being printed on a monthly basis along with other incidental expenses, the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada has requested Administrative Sanction for an amount of Rs.8,00,00,000/- under the Head of Account '3456-00-001-11-07-210-211 – Materials and Supplies' to meet the expenditure towards printing and supply of QR code–based Smart Cards.

5. Government after careful examination hereby accord administrative sanction for an amount of Rs.8,00,00,000/- under the Head of Account "3456-00-001-11-07-210-211 Materials and Supplies" to meet the expenditure towards printing and supply of QR code based Smart card.

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6. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O.No: FIN01-FMU0RBAB(CSUP)/3/2024-FMU-AC-CS-AH, Computer No: 2619164 , Dated 13.11.2024.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SAURABH GUAR IAS
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada.

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